

REMARKS

No amendments are being made herein. Claims 4-9 remain pending in this application.

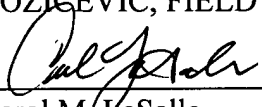
Claims 4-9 were examined and rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,614,552. While Applicants traverse the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted herewith in order to advance prosecution of the application.

As there are no other outstanding rejections or objections, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-090CON3.

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